

Middletown Public Schools
Middletown, Rhode Island

August 7, 2008

MICHAEL S. PINTO CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: Michael F. Crowley, Jr., Chairman

Liana F. Fenton, Vice-Chair

Edward Draper

Liana F. Fenton

Member Absent: William Coogan

Also Present: Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools

Catherine McLeish, Business Manager

Edward Collins, Director of Facilities

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Chairman Michael Crowley. Administrative staff members present were Michelle Fonseca, Timothy Ryan and Linda Savastano. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for August 7, 2008.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

No “Proclamations/Awards” for August 7, 2008.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No “Student Activities” for August 7, 2008.

INFORMATION

CORRESPONDENCE

No “Correspondence” for August 7, 2008.

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CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2008 Executive Session**
- Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2008 Regular School Committee Meeting**

- Approval of Financial Report, dated June 30, 2008, in the amount of \$32,335,939.58
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated June 24, 2008, in the amount of \$1,226,380.97
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated July 15, 2008, in the amount of \$991,464.97
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated July 25, 2008, in the amount of \$504,466.07
- Approval of Special Grants Register, dated June 26, 2008, in the amount of \$115,554.84
- Approval of Special Grants Register, dated July 29, 2008, in the amount of \$150,340.36
- Superintendent's Recommendation on Personnel

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the Consent Agenda be approved except for the following. Unanimous vote.

Superintendent's Recommendation on Personnel

ACTION ITEMS

REORGANIZATION

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee approve the reorganization model. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Draper said that with a \$93,000 budget shortfall, a resignation during the budget process and the Assistant Superintendent's position still open, it was the perfect time to reorganize staffing at the Central Administration. With this reorganization, a nurse teacher position might be saved and the bottom line of the budget could be reached without impacting any other programs or positions.

Mrs. Kraeger said that the elimination of a bus and the 17% increase in the new contract balances out. Administration is negotiating for a better price.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS – 1ST READING

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the job description for Assistant Superintendent for Academic and Technology Services, 1st reading. Unanimous vote.

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JOB DESCRIPTIONS

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. That the job descriptions for Network Administrator and Director of Technology be revised as needed, and approved. Unanimous vote.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

MOTION: 1) Edward Draper, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee extend the Student Accident Insurance contract with Lefebvre Insurance for the 2008-2009 school year. Unanimous vote.

BID AWARDS

MOTION: 1) Edward Draper, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee award the paper products bid to Simplex Janitorial Supplies. Unanimous vote.

FIELDING NAIR PLAN

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee approve the Fielding Nair Master Facility Plan. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Draper said that it is exciting that the Master Facility Plan was being formally accepted. Linden school is the first of many actions completed to reach this goal. Mrs. Kraeger said that the next piece of the plan is creating a Forest Avenue School learning center.

PERSONNEL

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Superintendent's Recommendation on Personnel.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS

Linda Savastano Assistant Superintendent for Academic & Technology Services

Colleen Larson Dean of Students, Middletown High School

Deborah O'Bryan Grade Five Leader, J.H. Gaudet School

Donna Murphy Grade Six Leader, J.H. Gaudet School

Denise McCarthy Grade Seven Leader, J.H. Gaudet School

Mary Nassaney Grade Eight Leader, J.H. Gaudet School

Leslie Gilman Lead Teacher, Aquidneck School

Mary Colaneri Lead Teacher, Forest Avenue School

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Diana Stamp Lead Teacher, J.F. Kennedy School

Eric Godin Athletic Director

RECALL RIGHTS TERMINATED

Alison Srubas Math Teacher, Middletown High School

RESIGNATION

Mark J. Kargle Network Administrator

2007-2008 GAUDET SCHOOL ADVISOR

Nancy Ashmore Gaudet Yearbook Advisor

**DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR 2008 – 2009
SCHOOL YEAR**

**Jeannine K. Magliocco (Mrs. Magliocco was appointed elementary
Principal in Lincoln Public Schools with a start date of July 1, 2008.)**

**Mrs. Kraeger commented that Mrs. Savastano's skill set and
knowledge of technology, curriculum, business and math will bring
the district to a new level.**

OLD BUSINESS

No "Old Business" for August 7, 2008.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

•**CURRICULUM** – The CRP Grant has been substantively approved. Slight revisions are needed, but the State is pleased with the work. War college students will be enrolled on August 20th at Gaudet School. The students will be screened online and we will have immediate information as to who needs ELA services. Transfer Day for staff will be on Wednesday, August 27th. A notice will be sent to staff. Enrollment is the same compared to last year. Registration forms can be downloaded off of the school website. There is concern about specific staffing needs. Currently, the enrollment is 644 at the high school, 699 at the middle school, 290 at Aquidneck School, 267 at Forest Avenue School and 299 at Kennedy School. Open House for all elementary schools will be on August 28th and Gaudet School will hold its Open House on August 29th.

•**FINANCIAL** – Mrs. Kraeger said administration is working on closing the gap on the \$93,000 budget shortfall. A meeting was held last night with the Sports Advisory Committee. The Committee appreciated the information they received and they realize how dollars are funneled to line items. They understand that if freshman sports are eliminated, there is still a way for students to play football

(Pop Warner) and baseball (Middletown Little League). The Sports Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Gaudet field last night. The facilities are very well used. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled.

- Mrs. Kraeger is working with Tim Shaw, Recreation Director, and Shawn Brown, Town Administrator, to begin an after-school program at Gaudet School. RFP's went out to different providers.

- The bus contract will be discussed at the August 28th School Committee Meeting.

- FACILITIES – Ed Collins, Facilities Director, reported on a number of projects being completed. He said questions have arisen regarding the renovations at Forest Avenue School and how it is funded. Town and school CIP funds are being used for the project, not school budget dollars. 80% of the labor is being done by Facilities Department staff. A stockade fence will be installed at Forest Avenue School where the construction is being done on the housing development. Mrs. Kraeger would like to have the next School Committee Meeting at Forest Avenue School. Mr. Draper suggested having a meeting at the Gaudet library.

- OTHER REPORTS – The Krupowicz Planetarium was one of 284 winners in Rhode Island Monthly's "Best of Rhode Island". The planetarium won for "Best After-Dark Kids' Activity" in the "Best of Fun" category.

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Mr. Draper – Mr. Draper commented on the COZ Newsletter and the collaboration between COZ and the Middletown Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force. He said that Bramley funds have been reduced. Once SPIFSIG (Strategic Prevention Framework - State Incentive Grant) funds are eliminated, there will be no outside assistance.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 8:36 a.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk